

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Non-Provisional Application Serial No. 09/003,378, filed January 6, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/037,961, filed February, 20, 1997.--

Please replace the abstract at page 49 with the following amended abstract:

--A method for corrective surgery in a human subject of a vocal cord defect amenable to rectification by the augmentation of tissue subadjacent to the vocal cord defect, the method comprising: placing an effective amount of autologous ~~in-vitro~~ in vitro cultured cells into a vocal cord tissue of the subject in a position subadjacent to the vocal cord defect, wherein the vocal cord tissue is selected from the group consisting of a scar, Reinke's space, a muscle of the vocal cord, and the lamina propria, wherein the ~~in-vitro~~ in vitro cultured cells are obtained by culturing a plurality of viable cells retrieved from the subject, and wherein the cultured cells are suspended in a collagen or modified collagen solution prior to injection of the cultured cells. The in vitro cultured cells can be fibroblasts, e.g., fibroblasts derived from dermis, fascia, connective tissue, or lamina propria.--

An unmarked copy of the amended abstract is enclosed.